NO!
DON'T FEAR, BELOVED.
I'M HERE TO TAKE YOU HOME.

WAKANDA...
THIS IS A SURPRISE, RAMONDA.
YOU KNOW WHY I'VE COME, ZAWAVARI.
OF COURSE. I USUALLY EXPECT TO SEE PEOPLE ONLY DURING A CRISIS.
BUT TELL ME: T'CHALLA HAS ALWAYS BEEN UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE OLD WAYS. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?
BELIEVE THAT NOTHING IN LIFE IS CERTAIN. I WILL LOOK ANYWHERE FOR ANSWERS WHEN MY SON'S LIFE IS AT STAKE.
WILL YOU HELP US?
I WILL NOT. BUT I WILL ENABLE YOU TO HELP YOURSELVES.
AT WHAT PRICE?
CONSIDER THIS A FAVOR, RAMONDA.
AS ALWAYS, I LIVE TO SERVE.

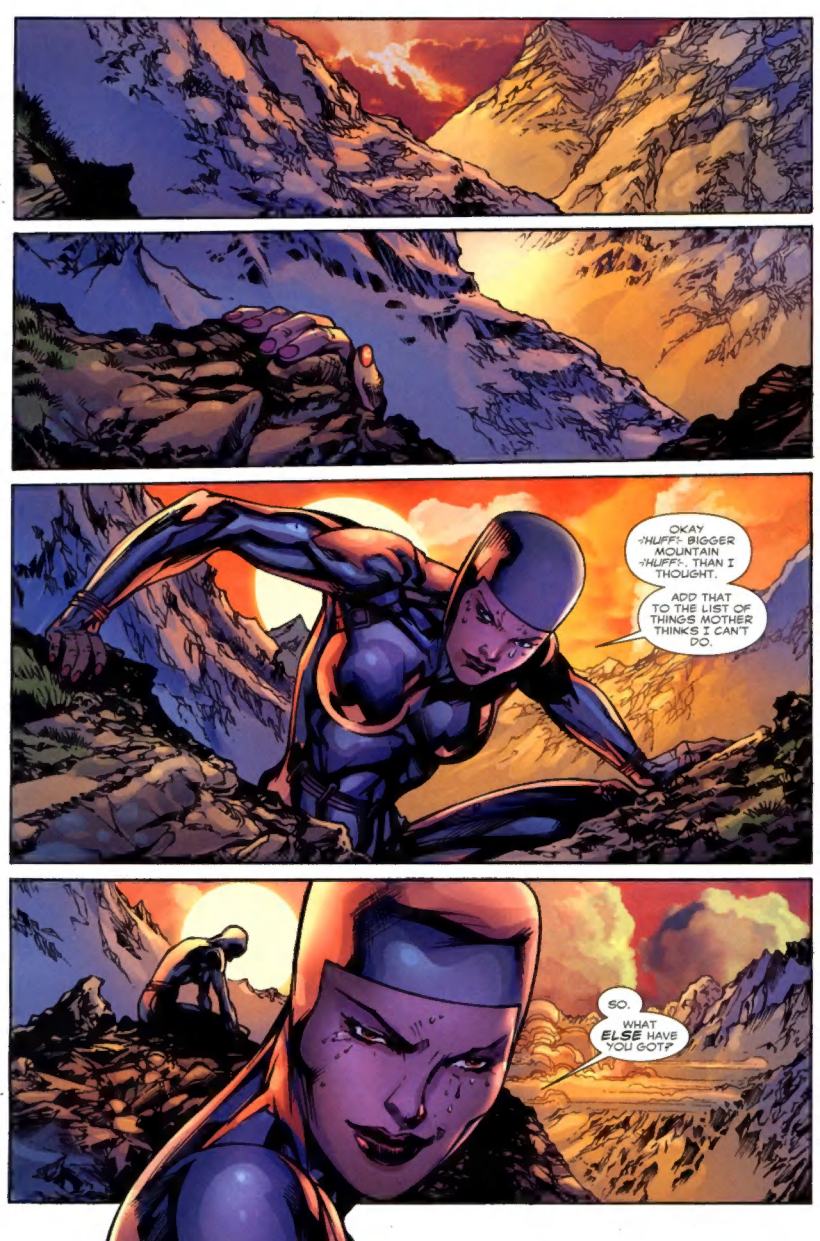
T'CHALLA'S SPIRIT IS IN LIMBO-- THE WORLD BETWEEN THE LIVING AND DEAD.
A WANDERING SPIRIT CANNOT FIND ITS OWN WAY HOME. SOMEONE MUST SERVE AS A GUIDE, A LIVING PERSON WITH A POWERFUL LIFE FORCE.
I WILL TRANSPORT, QUEEN ORORO'S, SPIRIT OUT OF HER BODY AND INTO THAT PLACE. THE REST IS UP TO HER.
MIGHT THE PANTHER GOD AID HIS SERVANT ON HER MISSION?
THE GODS DO NOT INTERVENE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE MORTAL WORLD. LIFE AND DEATH ARE THE NATURAL ORDER, NOTHING MORE. TO ATTEMPT TO CHEAT DEATH IS TO ASPIRE TO GODHOOD.
THE RITUAL WE ARE ABOUT TO INVOKE IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE UP TO IT?
TELL ME WHAT I NEED TO DO.

MEANWHILE...
THIS IS ABSURD. ZURI SAID THAT I WOULD FACE THE GREATEST CHALLENGES ON THE PATH TO MEETING THE PANTHER GOD. I'D BE PUSHED TO MY LIMITS, DRIVEN TO THE EDGE.
PLEASE.
WALKING BAREFOOT ACROSS FIRE--I WAS DOING THAT FOR FUN WHEN I WAS TWELVE.
DODGING ARROWS AND SPEARS--DID THAT WHEN I WAS ELEVEN.
MEDITATING FOR SIX HOURS IN A SCORPION-FILLED PIT--BORING.
AND NOW... ROCKS. I CLIMB ROCKS FOR--
KRAK
--FAHH!

MEANWHILE, ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT...
NJOO MSAKA KUU
NJOO MIZUKA KUU
NJOO MORLUN KUU

WELCOME, MORLUN.
I THIRST.
AND WE HAVE JUST THE THING TO *QUENCH* THAT THIRST.
TELL ME!

THERE'S ALWAYS A CATCH, ISN'T THERE?
IT'S THE WAY OF THE UNIVERSE.
SO BE IT.
LET'S GET STARTED.


OKAY -HUFF- BIGGER MOUNTAIN -HUFF-. THAN I THOUGHT.
ADD THAT TO THE LIST OF THINGS MOTHER THINKS I CAN'T DO.
SO. WHAT ELSE HAVE YOU GOT?

DAMN.
WELL, I DID ASK.
TWENTY-FIVE OF THEM.
TAKIN' CAT-NAPS AROUND THE HERB.
BEAUTIFUL...
...AND MINE FOR THE TAKING.

YOUR SACRIFICE...
...IS APPRECIATED.
NOW I HUNT BIGGER GAME.

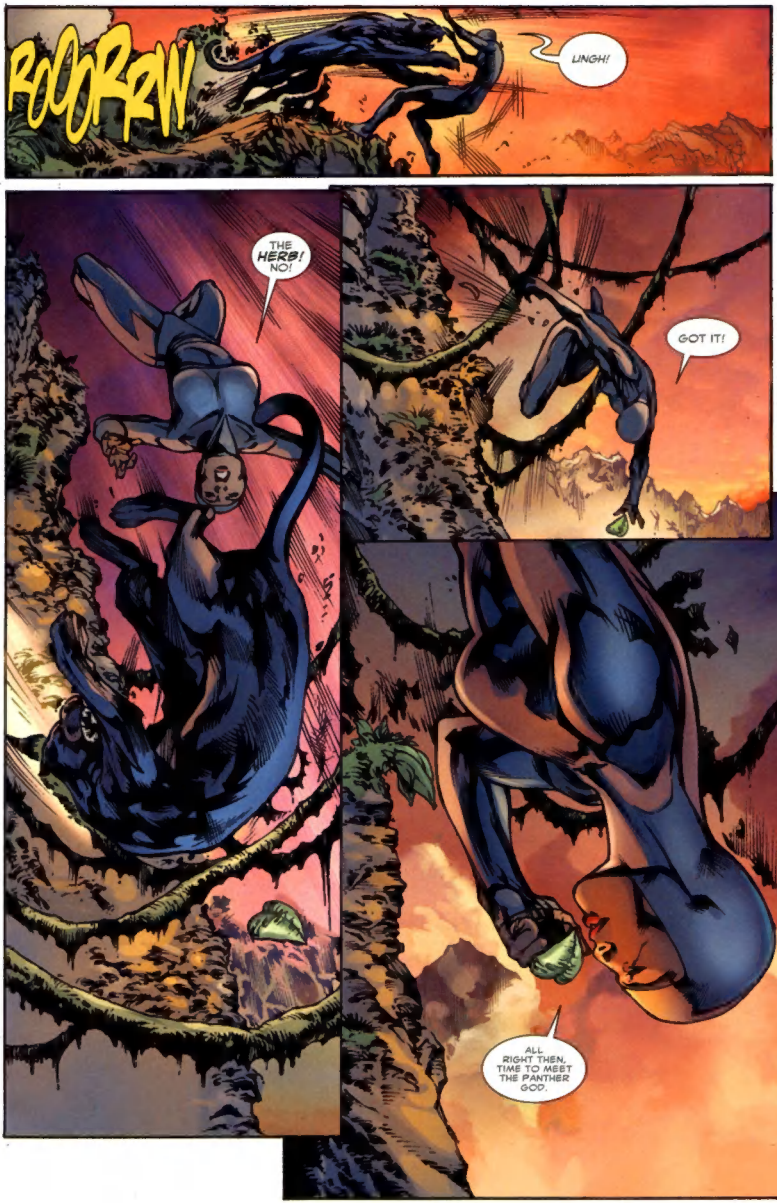
BUT YOU'RE DEAD...
OF COURSE I AM. I DIED FOR YOU.
YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE, DON'T YOU?
WAIT...
IS THIS...
IS THIS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE?
YOU DIDN'T MAKE IT, BELOVED. YOUR INJURIES WERE TOO SEVERE.
NO.
NOT LIKE THIS.
LIKE WHAT? DID YOU REALLY EXPECT TO DIE IN BED, BELOVED? A MAN LIKE YOU?

LET GO.
YOU'RE ABOUT TO TRANSITION TO A HIGHER PLANE OF CONSCIOUSNESS. THE PETTY CONCERNS OF YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE WILL SHRINK TO INSIGNIFICANCE SOON...
NO. MY COUNTRY. MY FAMILY IS IN DANGER...
AND YOU-- I MUST AVENGE YOUR DEATH.
THE TIME FOR THINGS LIKE THAT IS PAST.
NOW COME.
WHAT? WHERE?
TO YOUR REWARD.

REMEMBER: YOU MUST KEEP T'CHALLA IN THE FOREFRONT OF YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS.
THAT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU WILL FIND HIM. YOUR HEART MUST LEAD THE WAY.
AND WHAT TRANSPORTS ME TO LIMBO?
YOU WILL FLY ON A BURNING WIND OF HOLY FIRE.
CONCENTRATE ON YOUR HUSBAND. ON YOUR LOVE. ON WHAT CONNECTS YOU BOTH TOGETHER.
I WILL HANDLE THE REST.
-GLUG-
FWOOSH!!

GRRRRRRRRR
GREAT.

GRRRRRRR
GRRRRRRR
NIIIIICE... KITTIES...
GRRRRRRR
GRRRRRRR
ROOORRW
WHOA!
COME AND GET ME.


BOOOREW
UNGH!
THE HERB! NO!
GOT IT!
ALL RIGHT THEN. TIME TO MEET THE PANTHER GOD.

THE WARMTH OF A THOUSAND SUNS. DOESN'T IT FEEL GOOD?
YES, IT...
...IT DOES WARM MY BONES.
BUT I...
NO!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

DON'T YOU TRUST ME?